

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND**

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF  
SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS, ET AL.,

*Plaintiffs,*

v.

CLEVELAND L. HORTON, II, ET AL.

*Defendants.*

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Case No. 8:24-cv-02866-TDC

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**DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO DISMISS AND  
OPPOSITION TO PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION**

For the reasons described in the accompanying Memorandum, Defendants Cleveland L. Horton, II, Glendora C. Hughes, Stephanie Suerth, Janssen E. Evelyn, Eileen M. Levitt, Angela Scott, Magdalena S. Navarro, Jeff Rosen, Gina McKnight-Smith, Noah Thomas Metheny, and Anthony G. Brown, by undersigned counsel, (1) move to dismiss Plaintiffs' complaint (ECF 1) for failure to state a claim, and (2) oppose Plaintiffs' Motion for Preliminary Injunction (ECF 15). Defendants request a hearing on their motion.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that on November 11, 2024, I filed the foregoing document with the Clerk of Court and served the foregoing document on all counsel of record and any other registered users through the Court's CM/ECF system.

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